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: Method and Arrangement for Purifying the Gases that are

to be Fed to a Fuel Cell for Operation by Removing Constituents Which are Unfavorable to the Fuel Cell

Operation

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims, as amended by way of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/EP2003/005272, prior to the examination of the application during the U.S. National Phase.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. (A Substitute Specification with marked up version submitted concurrently herewith).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 10 of this paper. (The Abstract of the Disclosure is attached as a separate page following page 11 of this paper).

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.